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SUBJ: SINGAPORE REQUEST FOR TRAINING A-4 PILOTS AT U.S.

BASE IN PHILIPPINES

REF: SINGAPORE 1240

1. REFTEL CONTAINS TEXT OF OFFICIAL GOS DEFENSE MINISTRY REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE ON ABOVE SUBJECT. SUBSEQUENT TO RECEIPT OF LETTER, DAO ASKED PANG WHETHER US PERSONNEL WOULD BE REQUIRED FOR TRAINING. PANG ANSWERED AFFIRMATIVELY BUT SAID THEY COULD NOT DETERMINE HOW MANY US PERSONNEL WOULD BE REQUIRED. THIS DETERMINATION CAN ONLY BE MADE IN CONSULTATION WITH USN. PANG ALSO INFORMED DAO THAT GOP HAD NOT BEEN APPROACHED OFFICIALLY, BUT INFORMAL SOUNDINGS DURING RECENT VISIT OF PHILIPPINE MINISTER OF DEFENSE INDICATED GOP WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION TO USE OF US CONTROLLED FACILITIES.

2. IT IS CLEAR THAT MAIN REASON FOR GOS WANTING USE OF US BASE IS PRACTICAL CONSIDERATION THAT USN HAS A-4S IN PHILIPPINES AND PERSONNEL, SPARES AND OTHER TYPES OF SUPPORT NECESSARY TO MAKE THIS PROJECT VIABLE. IT SEEMS UNLIKELY THAT THEY COULD ACCOMPLISH THEIR OBJECTIVES AT A PHILIPPINE FACILITY. THEY HAVE ALSO USED POLITICAL ARGUMENT THAT BECAUSE OF GOP PROBLEM WITH MUSLIMS IN MINDANAO,

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GOS DID NOT WANT TO GIVE REASON FOR MUSLIMS TO SUSPECT GOS WAS IN

ANY WAY AIDING AND ABETTING GOP IN THEIR EFFORTS PUT DOWN DISSIDENTS. THIS ARGUMENT DOES NOT SEEM VERY PERSUASIVE TO US, BUT PERHAPS THERE IS SOMETHING TO IT.

3. WE HAD EARLIER BEEN OPPOSED TO THIS PROPOSAL, BUT ON REFLECTION BELIEVE IT MERITS SERIOUS CONSIDERATION. AMB. UNDERHILL INDICATES (KUALA LUMPUR 0824) THAT PROJECT WOULD BE UNLIKELY CREATE SIGNIFICANT PROBLEM FOR MALAYSIA. THIS WOULD SEEM TO REMOVE ONE OF THE PROBLEMS WE FORESAW. FURTHER, WE ARE NOW IN MIDST OF TRYING OBTAIN ASSURED ACCESS TO BERTHING AND FUEL FARM FOR USN UNDER ARRANGEMENTS WITH NEW ZEALAND. WHILE GOS DOES NOT YET APPEAR TO HAVE CONNECTED THIS MATTER WITH THEIR REQUEST FOR A-4 TRAINING, IT SEEMS LIKELY THAT THEY WILL. THEY ARE LIKELY TO SEE THE PARALLEL BETWEEN THEIR DESIRE USE US FACILITIES IN THIRD COUNTRY AND OUR DESIRE WORK THROUGH NEW ZEALAND IN SINGAPORE. OUR FAILURE BE FORTHCOMING ON THEIR REQUEST, COULD CAUSE THEM TO GO AGAINST OUR REQUEST FOR ARRANGEMENTS HERE THROUGH NEW ZEALAND.

4. ONE OF THE UNKNOWN IS WHETHER THE USN COULD ACCOMMODATE THIS SINGAPORE TRAINING PROGRAM AT CUBI POINT. WOULD APPRECIATE ASSESSMENT OF PRACTICALITY OF PROJECT AND AMB. SULLIVAN'S AND DEPARTMENT'S ASSESSMENT OF POLITICAL CONSEQUENCES. CRONK

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